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- REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. The amendments and remarks presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS:

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference numeral (46), which is not found in the specification.

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the reference numeral (40), which is disclosed on page 16 of the specification.

Applicant submits under separate cover a proposed set of corrected drawings, corrected the objections by the Examiner noted above.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

SPECIFICATION:

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because on page 16, line 2, the specification refers to FIG. 7a, which was not included in the drawings as originally filed.

Applicant has amended the specification to correct the reference from FIG. 7a to FIG. 6.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to the specification be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-134 are pending in the application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

The Examiner rejects Claim 110 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weir '560 and Suman et al. '023 (hereinafter referred to as "Suman").

Applicant respectfully traverses. Notwithstanding, Applicants have amended Claim 110 to clarify the claim language to call for:

An interior rearview mirror system for a vehicle,
said rearview mirror system comprising:
a rearview mirror assembly, said rearview mirror assembly having a mirror casing and a support for mounting said mirror casing to an interior portion of a vehicle;
an information display repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle and non-viewing position fully retracted in said mirror casing; and
said information display comprising a display chosen from a video screen, an incandescent display, a vacuum fluorescent display, an electro-illuminant display, a light emitting diode display, a cathode ray tube display, a field emission display, an E-ink display, and an organic emitting polymer display and displaying one chosen from an output of a camera, vehicle status information, a compass display, a temperature display, a computer display, a train warning display, a clock display, and a television image to provide information to a driver of the vehicle or a passenger of the vehicle, said information display being pivotal at least about a generally vertical axis wherein said information display may be adjusted to face the driver of the vehicle or the passenger of the vehicle.

Applicants respectfully urge that neither Weir nor Suman discloses or suggests the claimed combination. For example, Weir does not disclose or suggest an interior rearview mirror system that includes a rearview mirror assembly and an information display comprising a video screen, an incandescent display, a vacuum fluorescent display, a light emitting diode display, a cathode ray tube display, a field emission display, an E-ink

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display, or an organic emitting polymer display and, further, a display that displays an output of a camera, vehicle status information, a compass display, a temperature display, a computer display, a train warning display, a clock display, or a television image. Nor would it be obvious to modify Weir to meet the claimed combination. In contrast, Weir is directed to an overhead television display for a vehicle. Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 110 and its dependent claims, namely Claims 123, 124, and 126-134, are patentably distinguishable over Weir alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

With reference to Suman, Suman does not disclose or suggest a rearview mirror assembly with a mirror casing and an information display repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle and a non-viewing position fully retracted in the mirror casing.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully urge that Claim 110 and its respective dependent claims, namely Claims 123, 124, and 126-134 are patentably distinguishable over Weir or Suman alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

The Examiner rejects Claims 110, 123, and 124 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lin '496.

Applicants respectfully traverse. Notwithstanding, as noted above, Applicants have amended Claim 110 to more clearly define Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully urge that Lin does not disclose or suggest the claimed combination. For example, Lin does not disclose or suggest an interior rearview mirror system for a vehicle that includes a rearview mirror assembly and an information display that is repositionable between a viewing position viewable to an occupant of the vehicle and a non-viewing position fully retracted in the mirror casing, with the information display comprising a video

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screen, an incandescent display, a vacuum fluorescent display, an electro-illuminant display, a light emitting diode display, a cathode ray tube display, a field emission display, an E-ink display, or an organic emitting polymer display and, further, with the display displaying an output of a camera, vehicle status information, a compass display, a temperature display, a computer display, a train warning display, a clock display, or a television image to provide information to a driver of the vehicle or a passenger of the vehicle with the information display being pivotal at least about a generally vertical axis wherein the information display may be adjusted to face the driver of the vehicle or the passenger of the vehicle. Applicants respectfully urge, therefore, that Claim 110 and its dependent claims are patently distinguishable over Lin alone or in combination with any other reference of record.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and solicits a Notice to that effect.

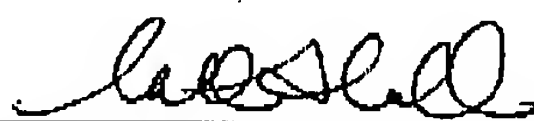
Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506 or at collins@vglb.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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